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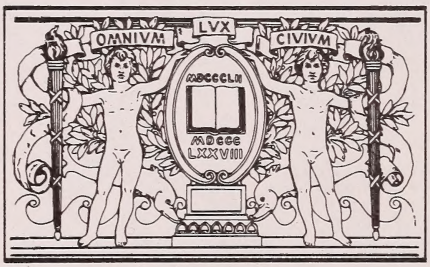

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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

In the family tree charts found at the beginning of each family section, certain abbreviations are used. Here is the key to their meaning:

b.	born
d.	died
c.	cemetery
(MN).	married name
(W).	wife
m.	date of marriage

This family history is dedicated to my mother, PATSY RUTH WHITE, with love, on her birthday, May 10th, 1990.

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FORWARD

When I was young, I gave little thought to my family heritage. During the mid 1970's, after watching the Roots mini-series on television, based on the Alex Haley book by that name, I became interested in my family history. Since my grandparents on my father's side were the only grandparents I ever knew, I was only able to gather information on the White side of my family.

Recently, my mother and I began to research her side of my family. I don't even remember what it was that got us started, but with each new piece of information we found, we wanted to know more. In conducting my research, I have relied upon information from birth, death and marriage certificates, census records, ship passenger lists, obituaries, cemetary records and headstones, and persons

with personal knowledge of the facts. I have used the Biblical standard (Deuteronomy 19:15) requiring at least two witnesses, or sources of information, before establishing a piece of evidence as a true fact.

I hope that by publishing this family history, that this information may be preserved, and that future generations of our family may know their heritage.

William D. White
May 10th, 1990
Saginaw, Michigan

WHALEN FAMILY DETA

Thomas Phalen
b. Cork, Ireland

Mary Ryan
Cork, Ireland

John Phalen
b. 1-6-1833 Cork, Ireland
m. South Bend, Indiana
d. 1-2-1907 Grand Rapids, MI
c. Calvary Catholic - Saginaw

Catherine Short
3-6-1846 Cork, Ireland
same
12-19-1917 Saginaw, MI
Calvary Catholic - Saginaw

	Mary	Arthur	John	William	Jim
b.		1873	6-22-1871	1889	1881
d.		1958	7-30-1961	1-28-1970	1931
c.		Forest Lawn	Forest Lawn	Mt. Olivet	Mt. Olivet
	(MN) Jarvis, Stevens	--	--	--	--
		(W)Elizabeth	(W)Annabelle Shreve	(W) Anna Burns	

	Blanche	Sam	Charlie	Chester	Minnie	Kate	Lela	Jack	Beatrice	Unknown Boy
b.	1893	1894	1897	1899	7-4-1901	1903	1905	1910	1918	
d.	1916	1974	1956	1900	8-30-1901	1979	1961	1979	1918	
	(MN) Heonas	--	--	--	--	Healton	Smith	--	--	
c.	Calvary	Oakwood	Forest Ln	Bridgeport		For. Ln	Mt. Olivet	Roseln		
	(W)	Irene	Nina			(H2)Donkers		--		

Mary Jane
b. 6-12-1923

	KAYE	PATSY RUTH	NINA JEAN
b.		5-10-26	5-8-28
	(MN) Furlo	(MN) White	Schrader

THE WHALEN FAMILY

During the early 1800's, the population of Ireland almost doubled. Rural Ireland was seriously congested. Small tenant farmers and laborers made up the majority of the rural society, and they lived on what the land could produce. Their principal item of diet was the potato. During the 1840's, Ireland suffered from the potato blight, and the result was the Great Famine. By 1851, over 1,000,000 persons had died from the famine, and over 1,250,000 others had emigrated to America in search of a better life.[1] Among those who came to America to escape the famine in Ireland and to pursue the dream of a better life in America were two immigrants from

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[1] The Collegiate Encyclopedia, vol. 9, p. 414.

Cork on the southern coast of Ireland, by the name of John Phalen and Catherine Short.

John Phalen was born January 6th, 1833, in Cork, Ireland, the son of Thomas Phalen and Mary Ryan. He came to America as a young man, and did what many immigrants have done, and that is to change his name. We do not know the exact reason for the change, but it is known that it was common for immigrants to change their names, or the spelling of their names, to something that was easier to pronounce to avoid discrimination and the stigma of being an immigrant. Thus, John Phalen became John Whalen. It is interesting to note that at various times, members of the family have also spelled their name "Whelan." For instance, in the City Directories of 1910 - 1917, Kate is sometimes listed as a "Whelan.". The stone on John Phalen's son Art's grave spells the family name as "Whelan."

John Phalen married Catherine, or "Kate",

Short at South Bend, Indiana, on August 2nd, 1870. Kate was born in Cork, Ireland, the daughter of Arthur Short. Her mother's last name was Ryan. Kate had a brother named Arthur Short who lived in Emporia, Kansas.

John Phalen served on the Union side in the Civil War, seeing action in the front lines where he was wounded. After the end of the Civil War, John and Kate moved north to Michigan. Their first child, John, was born in the area of Coldwater, Michigan. They continued north and settled in the Bridgeport area where a second son, Arthur, was born. Later, they moved into the City of Saginaw and lived at 222 N. Warren. This block was cleared many years ago and the Florentine Inn and its adjacent parking lot now stand on the site where John and Kate once lived.

John Phalen and Kate were separated for a number of years before his death at the Soldier's Home in Grand Rapids on January

2nd, 1907. His obituary which appeared in the Saginaw News was headlined, "**OLD SOLDIER IS DEAD**", and reads in part as follows:

> "News was received in this city Friday morning that John Phalen had died at the Soldier's home in Grand Rapids, where he had been for some time. Mr. Phalen was one of the old guard that went to the front in the days of the Civil War and proved a good soldier. As a consequence of the hardships to which he was exposed, infirmities came upon him and he suffered much in his last days."

John and Kate are buried at the Calvary Catholic cemetary in Saginaw next to their granddaughter, Blanche Heonas.

John and Kate Whalen had five children. Mary was their oldest daughter. Little is known about her except that she was married to a William Jarvis in Saginaw, and had a

son, Willie (1904 - 1981) of that marriage. Mr. Jarvis reportedly had a mean streak and hit their son, Willie, with a baseball bat in the nose, leaving him with a pushed-in nose for the rest of his life. Willie drove a cab for Topham Cab Co. in Saginaw for many years. He is buried at Forest Lawn in Saginaw.

By 1917, Mary was no longer married to Mr. Jarvis. In her mother's obituary, she is referred to as Mrs. Mary Stevens. Mary lived out her remaining years in Saginaw.

John and Kate had four sons. They were Art, Jim, William and John.

Art was born in 1873 at Bridgeport. His wife was Elizabeth (1861 to 1934). They had two daughters, Ruth (Mrs. William Ferman) and Lucille (Mrs. Art Whitney). Art died in 1958 and is buried at Forest Lawn near John and Annabelle Whalen. It is interesting to note that on this tombstone, his family name is spelled Whelan.

James Whalen was born on June 11th, 1881.

He never married. He worked as a truck driver for many years and lived at home with his mother, Kate, at 222 N. Warren in Saginaw. On March 21st, 1931, he was found dead in a small building next to the railroad tracks on N. Niagara Street in Saginaw. The cause of death was listed as "chronic alcoholism." The Saginaw Daily News covered the incident in its March 22nd, 1931, edition, which had this headline: "**MAN IS FOUND DEAD IN RIVERSIDE SHACK.**" According to police, "he had been drinking denatured alcohol or some variety of poisonous liquor." The article goes on to say:

> "Several of the men who were in the building when police arrived told the officers that Whalen came there about 4 a.m. yesterday morning and lay down. They supposed he was drunk and paid no attention to him. They did not discover until yesterday afternoon that he was dead. One of the occupants was arrested on a charge of intoxication, and another

on a vagrancy charge."

James Whalen is buried in an unmarked grave in section (i) of Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

William Whalen was born May 8th, 1991, and was married to Anna Burns (1876 to July 19th. 1957). No children were born of the marriage. In the early 1900's. Will worked as a truck driver in Saginaw. He is buried in an unmarked grave in Section (R) of Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

John, or "Jack" Whalen, was born June 22nd, 1871, near Coldwater, Michigan. He moved to the Bridgeport area as a young man and met and married Annabelle Shreve. Jack had his own dray business in Saginaw. That meant that he was a truck driver with a truck for hire. You needed a license in those days to be in the dray business and Jack had a dray license. In later years, he was a driver for Grey Iron Foundry, and also a driver for Case Funeral Home. Jack always had a job. He was a proud man, a self-described

"Irish, Catholic, Democrat!". He lived to a ripe old age of ninety, and would have lived longer had his temper not gotten the best of him. At age ninety, he went into the hospital for prostrate surgery. Other than that health problem, he was reported to be in good health for his age. After the surgery, while still at the hospital, he decided he no longer wanted to live, and "pulled all the tubes out" accordin to witnesses. He died on july 30th, 1961. John and Annabelle had ten children. One, a boy, died at birth and his name is unknown. The other nine were Blanche; Sam; Charlie; Chester; Minnie; Kate; Lela; Jack; and Beatrice Maxine.

Blanche was the oldest child. She was born in 1893. She married a Greek man named Heonas and moved to Detroit. She died in 1916 at the age of twenty-three of "consumption", a wasting away of the lungs now associated with tuberculosis. She is buried at Calvary.

Sam, the second oldest, was born on

October 29th, 1894. Sam Whalen served in the U.S. Army during World War I where he became one of the occupation troops in Germany. Sam was wounded in his legs and after the war was a life member of the D.A.V. Organization (The Disabled American Veterans). He married Irene Roseberry in Battle Creek in 1918. He worked for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. for 46 years, retiring in 1959. Sam and Irene have one daughter, Mary Jane Whalen, of Saginaw. Mary Jane was the first member of the family to graduate from high school, graduating from Saginaw High in 1942. Mary Jane worked for many years in the office at Doyle Freight Lines on Davenport in Saginaw. Her father, Sam, died October 1st, 1974, and is buried at the Oakwood Mausoleum. Irene is living at the Saginaw Community Hospital at this time.

The third oldest was Charles F. Whalen, or "Charlie", who was born Feb. 2, 1897. Charlie also served in World War I, as a

private in Company G, 2nd Development Battallion of the U.S. Army. After the war, Charlie married Nina Canell. They had one daughter, Mary Ellen Whalen. Charlie is described as a kind, gentle and loving man by those who knew him. Nevertheless, Charlie had trouble with alcohol. Whenever he drank, he got into trouble. As a result of one of those incidents, he was sent to prison. While he was in prison, his wife divorced him, and told their daughter that he had died. Once released from prison, Charlie continued to get into trouble whenever he started drinking. On October 5th, 1944, Charlie was involved in a situation along with a Carl Genske and an Alex Stewart which resulted in his being charged with the burglary of the state liquor store in Caro. Charlie insisted that he was drunk and passed out in the back seat of Stewart's car when the crime occurred. Newspaper accounts of the time do not contradict Charlie's story.

Charlie had no contact with his daughter, Mary Ellen, for many years. She had grown up, and married Wilbur Kline of Saginaw. When Charlie was on his deathbed,he asked to see his daughter one last time. His brother, Sam, went and got her and brought her to him at the hospital. Charlie and his daughter were reunited one last time before Charlie died on November 23, 1956.

The next two children born to John and Annabelle lived only briefly. Chester was born in April of 1899 and died on Feb. 2nd, 1900, of pneumonia. Minnie was born on July 4th, 1901, and died August 30th, 1901, of "stomach trouble."

Kate was then born on August 26th, 1903. Kate was first married to James H. Boden (1899 - 1929). Mr. Boden had served in World War I where he was gassed by the enemy, After he died, Kate came into a large sum of money. She spent some of it traveling with her

younger brother, Jack. The rest of the money was used to purchase the large stone with the name Boden on one side and the name Whalen on the other which marks the family graves at Forest Lawn. Kate was later married to Albert Healton. Kate had a daughter, Kaye Francis, whose married name is Furlo. Kaye also has a daughter, Janice.

John Whalen was born 2-22-1910, and at various times called himself "J. George". "Jack" or "George" Whalen. He worked as a bookkeeper. At one time he lived with a woman named Mary Simpson, and reportedly was once married to a woman named "June", although his death records indicate he was never married. He lived for many years at 2439 Delaware Blvd in Saginaw with a man by the name of Robert Mickey. Ironically, after his death, this home was purchased by my wife, Suzanne, and myself, and we continue to reside there to this day. Jack died Nov. 6th, 1979.

Beatrice Maxine Whalen was born on

July 6th, 1917, and she died January 12th, 1918, of pneumonia.

Pat's mother, Lela Isabell Whalen, was born on Feb. 19th, 1905, in St. Charles, MI. She was raised in a strict Catholic home, and she attended the Mt. Carmel Catholic School in Saginaw. In 1925, she married Berlin Albert Smith in Flint. Two daughters were born of that marriage. They are Patsy Ruth (Mrs. Rollin W. White), who was born May 10th, 1926; and Nina Jean (Mrs. Ernest Schrader), who was born on May 8th, 1928. Although Mr. Smith had a job as a security guard at the Lufkin Rule plant on Hess Street in Saginaw, the young family still resided with Lela's parents, John and Annabelle Whalen. It was a crowded household as also living there at various times was Kate, and John and Annabelle's youngest child, Jack, or "Jackie", as he was called by family members. It is said that Mr. Berlin Smith was very demanding about when

his food was to be on the table and what he would eat, which was usually just meat and potatoes. He was also very insistent that Lela not go anywhere, but just stay in the house, take care of the kids, and cook his meals. By 1928, Lela had enough of this relationship and filed for divorce. Mr. Smith did not contest it, and the Judgment of Divorce was granted of September 26th, 1928. Mr. Smith was ordered by the court to pay $10.00 per week for the support of Patsy and Nina. When he refused to pay child support, Lela had him arrested and thrown in jail. This was especially embarrassing for Mr. Smith because his father, William J. Smith, was a Saginaw police officer at that time. Without means of support, Lela relied upon her grandparents, Jack and Annabelle Whalen, to raise the two little girls.

Lela's life was embittered after the divorce. She left the Catholic Church, and

was drinking heavily. In later years she was married to John Donker in Saginaw. Mr. Donker was killed in a fall from a railing at a hotel on Jefferson Street on November 6th, 1959. Lela filed a lawsuit through attorney Martin. The case slowly dragged on through the courts, and was finally dropped after Lela died on January 19th, 1961. Lela is buried at the Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetary in Saginaw. The marker on her grave identifies her final resting place under the name of Lela Whalen Donker.

As stated earlier, Pat and Nina were raised by their grandparents, John and Annabelle. Jack Whalen was very strict with the girls, making Pat go through Catholic instruction twice. He had a gruff manner and was always threatening to "send the girls to the orphan's home." He had strict rules about not wearing shorts or lipstick, and not going out with a boy in a car. If they disobeyed, they learned he was not afraid to use a

razor strap on their behinds.

Pat and Nina's grandmother, Annabelle, is described by those who knew her as one of the most kindhearted souls you'd ever want to meet. At about the time Lela was divorced and the two small girls were given to her to raise, Annabelle suffered a stroke which resulted in her becoming deaf for the rest of her life. Although her husband was a strict Catholic, Annabelle went to the Christian Scientist Church, taking her granddaughter, Pat, with her to meetings there. In keeping with their beliefs, Annabelle didn't believe in doctors or medicine. Pat only remembers being taken to a doctor once while she was growing up. One of the many kind things Annabelle did in her life was to save her pennies to buy Pat's son, William, a red scooter. She was very proud of that. Although she stuck to her beliefs all her life, prior to her death, Annabelle turned Catholic for her husband, John. She & John are buried

together with their son, Charlie, and their daughter, Kate, at Forest Lawn.

Lela's two daughters, Pat and Nina, are both now grandmothers. The purpose of this publication being to record the past history of our ancestors, I'll leave the story of this present generation to a future writer, especially since the story of our lives is still unfolding. I have recorded the family trees of Pat and Nina, however, which appear at the end of the Shreve Family section.

	Francois Bourcier +	Sophie Thibert
(R)	Quebec, Canada	Quebec, Canada

Henry Rousseau +
b. 1-18-1850 Montreal, Canada
d. 10-15-1922 Taymouth Twp, Saginaw Co.
m. 8-4-1873 Montreal Canada
c. Calvary Catholic - Saginaw

Marie Bourcier
1854 Chatteaugeoux, Quebec, Canada
11-17-34 Flint, MI
same
Calvary Catholic - Saginaw

	Henry	Orville	David	Arthur	Fred	Gertrude	Clara	Margaret	Alexina
(R)	Taymouth	Mt. Morris	Saginaw	Flint	Detroit	Traverse C.	Flint	Taymouth	Saginaw
(MN)	--	--	--	--	--	Almy	Quick	--	Smith
b.								1913	9-10-1881
d.								7-23-1921	8-24-1948
c.									Mt. Olivet - Saginaw

THE ROUSSEAU FAMILY

The Rousseau family came from France to the French province of Quebec, Canada. On January 18th, 1850, near Montreal, Henry Rousseau was born. Henry grew up near Montreal and on August 4th, 1873, married Marie Bourcier there. She was the daughter of Francois Bourcier and Sophie Thibert of the village of Chateauguay, near Montreal, Quebec. Marie had several brothers who also came to Saginaw. They were Peter Bourcier (1844 - 1917); Frank Bourcier (1814 - 1902); Alexander Bourcier (1850 - 1926); and Thomas Bourcier, who was born in 1857, and died in Saginaw. All of the Bourcier's are buried in Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Saginaw. Marie also had a sister, Mrs. Moise Faubert, who lived in Canada.

In 1876, Henry & Marie Rousseau moved to Saginaw, where they lived for three years. In 1879, they moved out to Taymouth Township where Henry owned a farm on Canada Road. Nine children were born to Henry and Marie Rousseau. They were Henry, Orville, David, Arthur, Fred, Gertrude, Clara, Margaret, and Alexina.

Alexina, or "Allie", married William J. Smith in Chesaning in November of 1901. William J. Smith was a Saginaw police officer. The couple lived at 1915 Wilkins Street on Saginaw's south side. They had three children. Ruth (Mrs. Gerald Smith of Midland), was born in 1905 and is still living. Another daughter, Germaine (Mrs. Allan Arthur of Cleveland, OH) was born in 1907 and died in 1988. Their son, Berlin Albert Smith, or "Bill" Smith, was born April 11th, 1903, in Saginaw. Berlin Smith died in 1985 in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Allie was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Saginaw, and is buried at Mt. Olivet Cemetary next to her husband, William J. Smith, and her daughter, Germaine, in Section (G).

Pat recalls going to William and Allie's home on Wilkins street once when she was about twelve years old. This would have been around 1938. She wanted to visit them and her father, Berlin Smith, who was apparently there at the time. They were not nice to her, and told her to "go away." Pat thinks they may have thought she wanted money from them, which was not the case at all.

There never was any relationship between Pat and Nina and their paternal grandparents, William and Allie Smith, even though they lived in the same city for many years.

Henry Smith
b. England

Unknown
England

Albert Smith
b. 1845 Ottawa, Canada
m. 1870
d. 10-11-1918 Bay City, MI
c. Calvary Catholic - Saginaw

Exilda St. Denise
1850 Quebec, Canada
same
7-20-1904 Saginaw, MI
Calvary Catholic - Saginaw

	Henry	John	George	William J.	Louise	Della	Marzellis	Georgia
(MN)	--	--	--	--	Van Leiu	Chappel	Elliott	Goodwill
(R)	Bay City	Saginaw	St. Paul, MN	Saginaw	Indianapolis	Saginaw	Detroit	Detroit
b.				1-10-1880				
d.				10-5-1962				
c.				Mt. Olivet				
				(W) Alexina Rousseau				

Ruth
b. 1905
d. still living
(MN) Mrs. Gerald Smith
c.

Berlin A. Smith
4-11-1903
6-16-1985
--
Roselawn
(W) Lela Isabell Whalen
(W2) Anne L. Flathau

Germaine
1907
1988
Mrs. Edward Sager
Mt. Olivet

Keith B. Smith

son of Berlin A. Smith &
Anne L. Flathau

Patsy Ruth Smith
b. 5-10-26
(MN) White

Nina Jean Smith
5-8-28
Schrader

THE SMITH FAMILY

Henry Smith was born in England, and came to Canada as a young man. He married, and in 1845, a son, Albert, was born in Ottawa, Canada. Albert Smith grew up in Ottawa, and in 1870, he married a French girl from neighboring Quebec by the name of Exilda St. Denise. Exilda was born in 1850, and was twenty years old at the time of the marriage. In 1876, Exilda and Albert Smith moved to Michigan where they settled in Saginaw. They lived the rest of their lives in Saginaw and had eight children. Exilda died in 1904 at their home at 400 Ketcham Street of heart failure. Albert lived until 1918 when he died at the home of his son, Henry, in Bay City. Their eight children were: Henry; John; Della; George; Louise; Marzellis; Georgia; and William.

William J. Smith worked as a Saginaw Police Officer from 1917 until 1936. From 1938 until his retirement in 1954, he worked as a plant security guard at Eaton Manufacturing in Saginaw. He and his wife, Allie, had three children. They were Ruth, Germaine, and Berlin Albert Smith, the father of Pat and Nina. Berlin Smith was born April 11th, 1903, in Saginaw. He worked as a security guard at Lufkin Rule on Hess Street in Saginaw for many years. In 1925, he married Lela Isabell Whalen in Flint. Their daughters and their dates of birth are: Patsy Ruth (May 10th, 1926); Nina Jean (May 8th, 1928).

In 1928, Lela filed for divorce, and Mr. Smith did not contest it. The divorce decree was entered on September 26th, 1928, and it required Mr. Smith to pay $10.00 per week for the support of Pat and Nina. When he refused to pay, he was thrown in jail at Lela's insistence for non-support.

Berlin Smith was married a second time on December 30th, 1929, to Anne Flathau in Saginaw. One son was born of that marriage, Keith B. Smith, who was last known to live in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Berlin Smith never served as a father to Pat or Nina, and they had to be raised by their grandparents, Jack and Annabelle Whalen.

In 1979, I became interested in my family background and found that my maternal grandfather, Berlin Smith, was alive and living at Westchester Village on West Michigan in Saginaw. I wanted very much to meet him, but wasn't sure how to approach him. After much thought, I composed a letter to him and mailed it. He never replied.

Six years later, in 1985, I received a letter from his son of his second marriage, Keith B. Smith, of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Keith Smith informed me that my grandfather, Berlin

Smith, had died in Kenosha on June 16th, 1985. In his letter, Keith Smith went on to say:

"I have read your letter to my Dad requesting that he allow you to contact him. I was aware of the letter before his death, but did not enter into the decision he made regarding it. My Dad was a very sensitive person and also somewhat paranoid in his later years. I believe that he felt that to renew contact with his former lifestyle would rekindle wounds and thoughts he did not desire to think about. I know that you wanted to meet him before he left this world and all I can say is that I understand your motives, and, given the same situation, would likely have done the same thing. He is buried in Roselawn Cemetery, in the Masonic Section."

SHREVE FAMILY DETAIL

Laurence Sheriff	and	Isabel Holden (1559 - Coat of Arms)
William Sheriff	and	Elizabeth ____ (lived in England)
Thomas Sheriff	and	Martha _____ (England to America 1634)
Caleb Shreve (1652 - 1741)	and	Sarah Areson (Burlington Co., N. J.)
Benjamin Shreve	and	Rebecca French (Burlington Co., N. J.)
Col. William Shreve	and	Anna Ivins (Revolutionary War)
Richard Shreve (1760 - 1822)	and	Margaret Newbold (Cavalry Captain)
William Shreve	and	Julian Hush (Crawford Co., PA)
John H. Shreve (1822 - 1906)	and	Lucy A. Pollock (1826 - 1899)

KATE	DARWIN	MARY	BYRON	FRANCIS	ROBERT	JACKSON K.	EFFIE	JOHN	CHARLES	WILLIAM
b. 1844	1846	1847	1849	1851	1856	1858	1861	1864	1866	1867
d.			1923	1920	1935	1934	1881			1927

FRANCIS & ANNA ELIZABETH PEETMAN

Charles F.	Annabelle	Gertrude	Fred	Florence
b. 1872	1874	1876	1877	1880
d.	8-5-55	1943	1944	Unknown
	(MN) Whalen	Schmitzer		
(W) Minnie			Ida	

Charles	Blanche	Ada	Glen
Bessie	Sam	Ida	Bert
	Charlie	Florence	
	Chester	Arthur	
	Minnie	Evelyn	
	Kate	Norman	
	Lela	Helen	
	Jack	Harold	
	Beatrice	Raymond	
	Unknown boy		

FRANCIS & ADA PAYNE

Ed	May	Effie	Louis H.
		1890	9-2-1883
		1939	8-12-52
	Weideman	Graves	
(W) Emma		Klarr	Lottie Juliet Alexander

Wayne

Louis H. Shreve and Lottie Alexander

Vernon	Kenneth	Richard	Lela
(W) Mary Guttridge		died 1920	(MN) Knapp (No children)

Jean Brandimore
Ted Shreve

THE SHREVE FAMILY

The Shreve family which settled in the Bridgeport, Michigan, area in the years after the Civil War were descendants of a family in England which spelled it's name "Sheriff". Our earliest recorded ancestors are Laurence Sheriff and his wife, Isabel Holden Sheriff. Our ancestors reportedly received the name "Sheriff" to signify that they held the post of Officers to the King. In 1559, Queen Elizabeth granted to Laurence Sheriff a distinctive family Coat of Arms. This Coat of Arms was the symbol used by the Rugby School in Rugby, Warwickshire, England, until 1931. Laurence Sheriff and his wife, Isabel, had a son by the name of William Sheriff. William Sheriff lived in England, and married a woman

whose first name was Elizabeth. Their son, Thomas Sheriff, emigrated to Plymouth Colony in or about 1634. He later moved to Rhode Island Colony where he married Martha _____ in 1643. They were Quakers, and had eight children, the third of which was Caleb Shreve. Caleb Shreve was born in 1652. In 1680 he married Sarah Areson, a Dutch woman, in New York, and settled in Burlington County, New Jersey. Caleb Shreve remained in Burlington County, New Jersey, until his death at the age of eighty-nine in 1741.

Caleb Shreve and Sarah Areson Shreve had ten children, the youngest of whom was our ancestor, Benjamin Shreve. Benjamin Shreve married Rebecca French and they had eight children. It was during the lifetime of these children that the American Revolution occurred. Four of Benjamin's sons fought in the Revolutionary War and were disowned by the Quakers for doing so. Those sons were

Col. Israel Shreve, Samuel Shreve, Thomas Shreve, and Col. William Shreve. Our family is descended from Col. William Shreve. The most well known of the brothers was Col. Israel Shreve of the Second New Jersey Regiment, who served under Gen. George Washington. Col. Israel Shreve was the father of steamboat Captain Henry Miller Shreve, who was an early explorer of the Mississippi River and for whom the city of Shreveport, Louisiana, is named.

Our ancestor, Col. William Shreve, also served in the New Jersey Regiment under Gen. George Washington. He married Anna Ivins first and then married Ann Reckless. They had seven children. During the Revolutionary War, the British plundered, burned and destroyed his property, consisting of house, barn and out-houses on June 23rd, 1778. After the war, he was a shopkeeper in Mansfield Township, New Jersey, but the business did not fare well. In 1788, he and his family crossed the

Allegheny Mountains as part of a wagon train led by his brother, Israel Shreve, and settled in western Pennsylvania.

Col. William Shreve was married twice. His wives names were Ann Reckless and Anna Ivins. He had three children by Anna Ivins, the youngest of which, Richard Shreve, is our ancestor. Richard Shreve was born Sept. 25th, 1760, in Burlington County, New Jersey. He served in the Revolutionary War where he was a Captain of a cavalry unit. In 1783 he married Margaret Newbold of Philadelphia. She was born May 26th, 1766, and died Sept. 10th, 1852. Margaret Newbold was a daughter of Thomas Newbold, and was related to the Newbolds in England that manufactured cutlery. Richard and Margaret soon moved to Perryopolis, in Fayette County, PA. This was a location in southwestern Pennsylvania which at the time attracted many emigrants from Burlington County, New Jersey. He remained in Fayette

County until the latter part of 1798, when he moved to Bloomfield Township, Crawford County, PA. He and Mr. Bloomfield were the first settlers of prominence in the locality, and they both came there from Fayette County, PA. Richard Shreve obtained employment in a grist mill known as Miles Mill in the Union City, PA, area. This materially aided in providing for his family, then numbering eight children. The surrounding country was a wilderness without roads, schools or churches. The settlers found their way from place to place by blazing the trees. Their routine of daily live was that of a sturdy pioneer of that period, continually beset with perils and dangers. Fish and wild game were plentiful and afforded the principle food, while they felled the forests and burned the underbrush. As the soil was brought to a state of cultivation, the hard conditions were ameliorated, and better homes and

surroundings prevailed in a few years.

Richard Shreve and his wife, Margaret, had thirteen children, all of whom were born in Pennsylvania. Their oldest child, William Shreve, is our ancestor. During Commodore Perry's campaign, Richard's sons William, Barzillai and Israel Shreve all took part in the guarding of the fort at Lake Erie.

William Shreve was a farmer who owned 100 acres of land in Crawford County, PA. He was esteemed a good and honest neighbor. At the age of sixty, he and his brother, Barzillai, ran a raft of lumber from Riceville, PA, to Oil City, PA. William Shreve married Julian Hush, and eleven children were born of that marriage, the sixth of whom was our ancestor, John H. Shreve. John H. Shreve was born in Crawford County, PA, in 1822. Between the years 1841 and 1844 he married Lucy A. Pollock, who had been born in New

York state in 1826. In 1850, John H. Shreve and his wife, Lucy, had a farm in Bloomfield Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, where they were raising their family which eventually would consist of eleven children. Their children were, in order of their birth: Catherine, or "Kate", who was born in 1844; Darwin, who was born in 1846; Mary, who was born in 1847; Byron, who was born in 1849 and died in Bridgeport, MI, on 10-28-1923; Francis, born in 1851 and died in Flint, Michigan, in 1920; Robert (1856 to 1935); Jackson K. Shreve, (1858 to 1934); Effie (1861 to 1882); John, who was born in 1864; Charles, born in 1866; and the youngest child was William, who was born in 1867 and died in Flint, MI, in 1927.

On Feb. 29th, 1864, John H. Shreve enlisted in the Union Army at age 42. He served as a private in Co. C, 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was of fair complexion, with blue eyes and brown hair, and stood 5 foot 6¼ inches tall. He was discharged on

June 28, 1865, in Washington, D.C. He lost the sight in one eye and partial sight in the other due to complications from disease which he contracted while serving in Virginia, for which he later received a pension of twelve dollars per month. When John H. Shreve enlisted in the Union Army, he listed his occupation as "lawyer", although in the 1850 census records his occupation is listed as "farmer".

After the Civil War, John & Lucy Shreve moved their family to the Bridgeport, Michigan, area of Saginaw County, where they were one of the original settlers of that area. John was known as "Pap" Shreve to his family. He owned and operated a sawmill in Bridgeport. John and Lucy Shreve are buried at the front of the Pine Grove cemetery on Dixie Highway south of Bridgeport. Lucy Shreve died on July 10th, 1899, at her home in Bridgeport. In the paragraphs which follow, I will list what is known about the children of John and

Lucy Shreve.

Catherine, or "Kate", married a Smith and had a daughter. They lived in suburban Detroit where they owned a shopping mall. They later sold it and moved to Au Gres, MI, for a couple of years. In their later years they moved to Clearwater, Florida, where Kate died.

Little is known about Darwin Shreve, other than that he was born in 1846 and at the time of his mother's death in 1899, he was living in Bowmills, New Hampshire.

I have no information on Mary Shreve, other than the fact that she is listed as the 3 year old daughter of John and Lucy Shreve in the 1850 census of Crawford County, PA, and that she must be the "Mrs. Louis Corey of St. Charles, MI" who is listed in the 1899 obituary of Lucy Shreve as a surviving daughter.

Byron Shreve was born on November 14th, 1849, in Crawford County, PA. In 1867 he married Eleanor Smith there. In 1877, they

moved to Bridgeport and ran a farm. They had two children: Mary B. Shreve (1870 - 1889); and Leonard Shreve (1873 - 1952). Leonard married Lillian Bogurs (1876 - 1952). They had one daughter, Rosella, who married Harold Winkelman in Saginaw January 27th, 1917.

Francis Shreve was born in 1851 in the town of Sayre, Bradford County, PA. He married Anna Elizabeth Putman in Clio, Michigan, in 1871. By 1872, Francis & Anna had moved to Bridgeport, Michigan, where Francis took up farming and began to raise a family. He was a good farmer, whom other farmers went to for advice. After he retired he moved to Flint where he ran a boarding house on Harmon street. He also had a steam license and ran a steam engine for the Water Works in Flint. His first son, Charles Francis Shreve, was born 5-28-1872. He and wife Minnie lived in Detroit, later moving to California. The second child, Annabelle, was Pat & Nina's

grandmother. Annabelle is described by those who knew her as one of the gentlest, kindest people you'd ever want to know. She married John Whalen, and a more detailed sketch of her was provided in the preceding section on the Whalen family.

The third child born to Francis and Anna E. Shreve was Gertrude, who was born Feb. 21st, 1876. Gertrude married William A. Schmitzer and lived in the Birch Run area before finally settling in Flint, MI. She had nine children. They were: Florence, whose married name was Witbrodt; Evelyn, whose married name was Hocut; Norman (1904 - 1928); Ada (1908 - 1909); Ida (1908 - 1909); Arthur; Helen; Harold; and Raymond. Gertrude and her husband, William Schmitzer (1873 - 1937) are buried next to their son Norman and their daughters, Ada and Ida, at the Birch Run cemetery on the Dixie Highway, north of Birch Run road.

Francis & Anna E. Shreve's fourth chlid was a son, Frederick W. (or Fred), born Oct. 9th, 1877. Fred married Ida Brandt (1880 - 1942) and had two sons, Bert and Glen, who are both now deceased. Fred and Ida are buried at Forest Lawn cemetery in Saginaw, Section 19.

On May 6th, 1880, Anna E. Shreve died at the age of twenty-five in childbirth with their fifth child, Florence Shreve. Anna is buried next to her husband, Francis Shreve, near the front of the Oak Grove cemetery in Bridgeport. It is known that Florence survived, as she is listed as the daughter of widower Francis Shreve in the 1880 census. What became of her after that is unknown.

After Anna's death, Francis married a second time on July 25th, 1880, to Ada Payne. Four children were born of that marriage: Ed; May; Effie; and Louis H. Shreve.

Edward Shreve was a World War I veteran. He married Emma Evon in Saginaw on Nov. 20th,

1915. After the war, Ed and Emma lived in Flint, where he died of pneumonia.

May Shreve married August Weideman in Saginaw on May 24th, 1906, and had a son by the name of Wayne. They moved to Texas.

Effie Shreve's married name was Graves. Effie was a pastry cook and her husband was a chef at the Elks in Detroit. In later years they moved to Midland, MI. Effie's mother, Ada Payne Shreve, died at Effie's home when she lived in Detroit.

Louis H. Shreve was born Sept. 2, 1883. He married Lottie Juliet Alexander. Four children were born of that marriage: Richard; Kenneth; Vernon; and Lela. Richard died in 1920 and is buried at Forest Lawn. Kenneth Shreve lives in Fairgrove, Michigan. Lela Shreve was named by her aunt May. Lela married Russell Knapp in Saginaw. No children were born, and Russell died in 1968. Lela is a delightful person with a clear mind

and sound memory. Vernon Shreve is living in Saginaw. His wife, the former Mary E. Guttridge, died in 1986. They have two children: Mrs. Jean Brandimore, of Saginaw; and Ted Shreve, who is in the printing business in Ann Arbor, MI.

The sixth child of John & Lucy Shreve, Robert, was born in 1856. He married Evaline Smith of Crawford County Pennsylvania (1861 - 1928), who was the sister of Byron Shreve's wife, Eleanor Smith Shreve. Robert lived in Flint and worked for Buick. Robert Shreve died in Flint, MI, in 1935.

The seventh child of John and Lucy Shreve was Jackson K. Shreve. He and his wife, Sarah, had a daughter by the name of Mabel. Mabel married Aubrey Dehlinger of Dickinson, North Dakota, in Saginaw on July 2, 1907. Her father, Jackson K. Shreve, was a cheesemaker, and in 1899 he operated a general store in the Morse Block of Morseville, Taymouth Town-

ship, Saginaw County. Jackson was in the Masonic order, and is buried alongside his wife, Sarah, and daughter, Mabel, in the Fosters cemetery on Bell Rd. in Saginaw County.

Effie Shreve was John & Lucy's eighth child. In May of 1880 she married William Ellis, a lumber dealer from Tawas, at the home of her parents in Bridgeport. She died Oct. 14th, 1882, of "consumption" at the age of twenty.

John Shreve was John & Lucy's ninth child. He is described as a "short, chunky guy." He was a Superintendent at the Buick plant in Flint. He was married and had four sons. After retiring from Buick, he moved to Harrisville, Michigan, where he died.

Charles was John and Lucy's tenth child. He was married and worked as a grocery distributor in Detroit.

John & Lucy's youngest child was William. William Shreve married Frances Bluem (1871 -

1932), on June 12th, 1886, in Saginaw. They lived in Saginaw until 1918 when they moved to Flint. They had seven children: Charles W. Shreve; George H. Shreve; Waldo F. Shreve; and Clyde I. Shreve; Mrs. Reo Nerreter, of Jackson, MI; Mrs. John McMullin of Otter Lake; and Mrs. George Van Norman of Saginaw. William Shreve died of pneumonia in Flint on Oct. 31, 1927. William and his wife are buried in the Pine Grove cemetery in Bridgeport.

EPILOGUE

People sometimes speak of the "family of man" or the "brotherhood of man". After researching our family tree, and finding that it is made up of Shreves, Peetmans, Pollocks, Whalens, Smiths, Rousseaus, St. Denises, Shorts, Ryans, and Bourciers, I have a new appreciation of the term, "we are all brothers". Truly, we are.

In summary, I suppose our family isn't much different than any other family. Through the years there were heartaches, and broken hearts, premature deaths, alcoholism, jail and divorce. But we also had our share of heroes, like Revolutionary War soldiers Col. William Shreve and Capt. Richard Shreve; Civil War veterans John Phalen and John H. Shreve; pioneer farmers like Francis Shreve and Henry Rousseau; and other good, honest folk who have trod this earth before us. People like

John and Annabelle Whalen who endured poverty and hardship, and yet managed to keep going and raise two grandchildren in addition to their own large family.

It is my sincere hope that by publishing this family history, future generations of our family may know their heritage, and take pride in it, and in so doing, gain a better understanding of themselves.

SCHRADER FAMILY DETAIL

Ernest Schrader Jr.
b. July 24, 1924
m. April 10, 1948

Nina Jean Smith
May 8, 1928

Barbara Susan
b. 5-4-49
(SP) Brad Dinsmore
m 11-21-1987

Scott Coutz
11-27-1969

Leslie Coutz
7-24-1968
(H) Mark Partlo
m. 8-25-1989

David Allan
3-5-51
Susan Kelly
m. 9-15-1973

Eric Schrader
1-16-1979

Lisa Schrader
10-18-1976

Nancy Ann
2-8-54
m. 11-20-1971
(1stH) Sam Kemerer
(2nd H) Chris Pegley
m. 8-25-1990

Nicholas Kemerer
4-3-1975

Jennifer Kemerer
1-17-1979

Lori Jean
12-3-58
David Zsoter

Erica Hollingsworth
2-21-1983

Zachary Zsoter
3-26-1986

Heather Zsoter

WHITE FAMILY DETAIL

Rollin William White
b. 6-10-1926 Saginaw
m. July 26, 1947

Patsy Ruth Smith
5-10-1926 Saginaw
same

William David White
b. 8-2-50 Saginaw
(SP) Suzanne Faye Stephenson
m. 10-29-1976

Stephen William White
b. March 6, 1978

Christopher David White
b. 12-1-79

Elizabeth Joy White
b. June 2, 1982

Robert Alan White
9-5-1952 Saginaw
Lisa Marie Matuzak
12-16-78

Kristy Marie White
b. 5-26-79

Ryan Alan White
b. 11-29-80

Kari Lynn White
4-17-82

Allysha Ann
6-20-86

Sandra Ann White
9-5-1955 Saginaw
Gary Mott
5-13-1983

Thomas John Mott
b. Oct. 12, 1987

Steven Richard Mott
b. Oct. 13, 1989